

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims below will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

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31. A patient support apparatus comprising:

a base,

an intermediate frame coupled to the base,

a patient support deck coupled to the intermediate frame, the patient support deck having an upwardly-facing patient support surface,

a headboard movably coupled to the intermediate frame adjacent to a first end thereof for movement between (i) a first raised position where the top of the headboard is generally disposed above the patient support surface at a first adult patient-restraining height, (ii) a second intermediate position where the top of an extension panel movably coupled to the headboard is generally disposed above the patient support surface at a second pediatric patient-restraining height greater than the first adult patient-restraining height, and (iii) a third out-of-the-way down position where the top of the headboard is generally disposed below the patient support surface,

a first headboard locking mechanism coupled to the intermediate frame adjacent the first end thereof for selectively locking the headboard in the first raised position and the second intermediate position, and

a second headboard locking mechanism coupled to the headboard for selectively locking the extension panel in a generally vertically extended position where the top of the extension panel is generally disposed above the patient support surface at the second pediatric patient-restraining height.

32. The apparatus of claim 31, further comprising first and second generally vertically-extending rods coupled to the headboard adjacent first and second sides thereof, wherein the first and second generally vertically-extending rods are slidably received in first and second rod-receiving openings disposed in first and second corners of the intermediate frame adjacent the first end thereof to movably support the headboard relative to the intermediate frame.

33. The apparatus of claim 32, wherein the headboard has top and bottom outwardly-extending portions adjacent the first and second sides thereof, wherein the generally

vertically-extending rods have top and bottom ends coupled to the top and bottom outwardly-extending portions of the headboard respectively.

34. The apparatus of claim 33, wherein the undersides of the top outwardly-extending portions of the headboard engage the topsides of the first and second corners of the intermediate frame adjacent the first end thereof to support the headboard in the third out-of-the-way down position.

35. The apparatus of claim 31, wherein the first headboard locking mechanism includes first and second pairs of oppositely-disposed, spring-loaded retaining pins coupled to the headboard adjacent to first and second sides thereof, the first pair of spring-loaded retaining pins being configured to engage first and second corners of the intermediate frame adjacent to the first end thereof to support the headboard in the first raised position, the second pair of spring-loaded retaining pins being configured to engage the first and second corners of the intermediate frame adjacent the first end thereof to support the headboard in the second intermediate position.

36. The apparatus of claim 35, wherein the first headboard locking mechanism includes a headboard release handle movably coupled to the headboard and first and second cables coupling the headboard release handle to the first and second pairs of spring-loaded retaining pins, and wherein the first and second pairs of spring-loaded retaining pins are retracted to release the headboard in response to the movement of the headboard release handle.

37. The apparatus of claim 36, wherein the first headboard locking mechanism includes a plate member coupled to the headboard release handle, the plate member having first and second portions configured for engaging the first and second cables in response to the movement of the headboard release handle to retract the first and second pairs of spring-loaded retaining pins to free the headboard.

38. The apparatus of claim 31, wherein the extension panel is pivotally coupled to the headboard for movement between a first out-of-the-way down position and a second generally vertically extended position, the extension panel being dimensioned such that the top of the extension panel is disposed above the patient support surface at the second pediatric patient-restraining height when the extension panel is disposed in the second generally vertically extended position while the headboard is disposed in the second intermediate position.

39. The apparatus of claim 38, wherein the second headboard locking mechanism comprises a spring-loaded locking pin coupled to the extension panel, wherein the spring-loaded locking pin is configured to enter a first pin-receiving receptacle in the headboard when the extension panel is in the first out-of-the-way down position to lock the extension panel in the first out-of-the-way down position.

40. The apparatus of claim 39, wherein the second headboard locking mechanism further comprises a spring-loaded button movably coupled to the headboard, the spring-loaded button having a first finger extending into the first pin-receiving receptacle in the headboard, the first finger being configured to push the spring-loaded locking pin out of the first pin-receiving receptacle when the extension panel is in the first out-of-the-way down position to free the extension panel upon actuation of the spring-loaded button.

41. The apparatus of claim 40, wherein the spring-loaded locking pin coupled to the extension panel is configured to enter a second pin-receiving receptacle in the headboard when the extension panel is in the second generally vertically extended position to lock the extension panel in the second generally vertically extended position.

42. The apparatus of claim 41, wherein the spring-loaded button includes a second finger extending into the second pin-receiving receptacle in the headboard, the second finger being configured to push the spring-loaded locking pin out of the second pin-receiving receptacle when the extension panel is in the second generally vertically extended position to free the extension panel upon actuation of the spring-loaded button.

43. The apparatus of claim 42, wherein the spring-loaded locking pin coupled to the extension panel is configured to enter a third pin-receiving receptacle in the headboard when the extension panel is in a third generally horizontal shelf position extending over the patient support surface to lock the extension panel in the third generally horizontal shelf position.

44. The apparatus of claim 43, wherein the spring-loaded button has a third finger extending into the third pin-receiving receptacle in the headboard, the third finger portion being configured to push the spring-loaded locking pin out of the third pin-receiving receptacle when the extension panel is in the third generally horizontal shelf position to free the extension panel upon actuation of the spring-loaded button.

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